

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RENT LEVELING BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman Michael Falcone.

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SUNSHINE LAW: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this Rent Leveling Board meeting of the Borough of Dumont having been sent to ***The Record***, the ***Press Journal*** and posted on the Borough website and in the Borough Hall on February 1, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Michael Falcone, Judy Parker, Albert Taxter, Coleman Szely-present
Irwin Buchheister, Lillian DeCristofaro and Lillian Elliott-absent.

Also in attendance was Monica Cho, Rent Leveling Board Attorney and Kathy Schaefer, Rent Leveling Board Secretary.

Motion to approve minutes, as amended, of February 8, 2010: Mr. Taxter

Second: Ms. Parker

All in favor: Aye

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the March 1, 2010 invoice from Bhalla and Cho: Ms. Parker

Second: Mr. Taxter

All in favor: Aye

Motion passed.

Revised Rent Control Ordinance.

The Rent Control Ordinance was presented to the Resolution and Ordinance Committee at its meeting on March 24, 2010. It was stated by the Committee that most of the boards that are appointed have staggered appointment dates so that you do not end up with the whole board going off at the same time; it was felt that the ordinance should be amended to add the staggered appointment dates. The Committee also indicated that the ordinance provides for collection of fines and penalties, yet does not contain an enforcement mechanism. These comments were sent by the Rent Leveling Board secretary to Ms. Cho, who revised the ordinance. Copies of the revised ordinance were sent to the board members prior to this meeting.

There was some confusion as to the wording in Section 322-2B regarding the staggering of terms. After discussion, it was decided to delete Item #1 under 322-2 Section B and Item 2 would then become Item 1.

After the ordinance is approved, a corrective resolution will have to be passed by the Mayor and Council as to the terms of office for the present members. The following was suggested for consideration by the Mayor and Council:

- Judy Parker and Albert Taxter, term (three years) to remain the same 2012
- Michael Falcone and Coleman Szely, term (two years) to be changed from 2012 to 2011
- Irwin Buchheister, term (one year) to change from 2012 to 2010
- Lillian DeCristofaro and Lillian Elliott, term to remain the same 2010

Motion to accept the changes as noted above: Mr. Szely, second: Mr. Taxter

All in favor: Aye

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Ms. Parker, second: Mr. Taxter

All in favor: Aye

Motion passed.